any comment on the delay of the judgement by the Supreme Court.

[*Translation*]

SHRI MANJAY LAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, hon. Minister has stated in his reply that under the Act of 1966 children below the age of fourteen years can not be employed. But in Bidi Industry in Bihar boys of the age of eight to ten years are also employed. Is there any Government monitoting agency to check it.

[*English*]

SHRI P.A. SANGMA: Sir, employment of children is not prohibited everywhere. The employment of children is proibited only in certain areas where it is hazardous and in the non-hazardous areas, the children are allowed to be employed with certain regulations, certain conditions. So, it is possible that in non-hazardous areas, the children are being given employment.

[*Translation*]

SHRI SURAJ MANDAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to know if the Government has conducted a survey to find out the number of child labourers presently employed in Bidi Industry. It has been observed that Supreme Court has ordered the ban on child labour yet their conditions are such that they cannot remain jobless as they belong to poor sections of society. So I would like to know if the Government has any plan under consideration wherein those child-labours can get education and earn while they learn.

[*English*]

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Sir, bidi is produced in two ways. One is in the factory and another is in the family, on contract basis. The rolling is done by the families. As far as the factory is concerned, we have prohibited employment of children in the factories. But as far as home making is concerned, we have allowed the children to help their parents. There are children who are helping their parents in rolling the bidis.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Modifications in Eighth plan Targets

*392. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL:Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to modify the targets of the Eighth Five Year Plan in view of the liberalised economic policies;

(b) if so, the fields in which modifications are likely to be effected; and

(c) the precise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R.BHARDWAJ): (a) The Eighth Five Year Plan is still under preparation and its targets are yet to be finalised.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Status Paper on Revival of Sick Public Sector Units

*393 SHRI RABI RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a separate status paper has